

Application Publication No. 2003/0082421 to Yonetsu et al. (Yonetsu). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

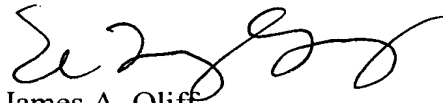
As discussed above, independent claim 1 was amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4, thereby placing claim 1 in condition for allowance. Thus, claims 3, 5-12 and 24-26 depending therefrom are patentable for at least the reasons that independent claim 1 is patentable, as well as for the additional features they recite. Claim 2 was canceled, thereby rendering the rejection with respect to this claim moot. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

### **III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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